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1. UK HICOMER TREADWELL GAVE AMB PREVIEW OF WILBERFORCE INSTRUCTIONS NOV 28, STRESSING QUESTION RE COORDINATION OF QUID PACKAGE. AMB RESPONSE WAS IDENTICAL IN SUBSTANCE TO CARIBBEAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S (PARA 2 REFTEL).
2. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL, AMB CHECKED AGAIN WITH TREADWELL RE SUBJECT PARA 4 (PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF LAWYERS ON SOFA). TREADWELL SAID THERE IS NO "PROPOSAL" FOR SUCH A MEETING. O'CONNELL APPARENTLY INFORMED UK MOD THAT HE WOULD BE IN NASSAU BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR, AND WAS PREPARED TO SET ASIDE DEC 28 FOR TRIPARTITE TALKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GCOB'S DESIRE EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY ON OCT 24 (NASSAU 1578). TREADWELL CHECKED WITH BAIN, WHO UNAWARE OF ANY OF O'CONNELL TRAVEL PLANS AND WAS BLANK ON ANY IDEA OF A DEC 28 SESSION. TREADWELL REACTION IS DEC 28 "TOO LATE".
3. AMB REITERATED TO TREADWELL (WHO FULLY AGREES) OUR NEG-CONFIDENTIAL

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ATIVE VIEW OF TRIPARTIE TALKS ON SOFA. EMBASSY DOES NOT THINK

WE SHOULD RAISE DEC 28 IDEA WITH GCOB, AND THIS SHOULD BE
REGARDED AS A NON-PROPOSAL UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS MADE FOR-
MALLY BY GCOB. WE HAVE NOW TRANSMITTED OUR REDRAFTS (NASSAU
1828), AND OFFERED TO DISCUSS THEM AT EARLIEST GCOB CONVEN-
IENCE. NEXT STEP DEPENDS ON SPEED WITH WHICH OUR PAPERS
ARE REVIEWED AND COMMENTED UPON BY BAHAMIANS, AND THAT IS
IN THEIR HANDS.
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